GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3702
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Safe Disposal of Non-Biodegradable Waste
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that plastic generated from insulin syringes and pen needles are not disposed off safely and pose health risks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether apart from environmental contamination, unsafe disposal also has a adverse impact on healthcare workers and as per the FIT recommendations, biomedical diabetes care-related wastes need to recycled and not reused; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to address safe and environment friendly disposal of insulin and other non-biodegradable wastes?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): The used insulin syringes including pen needles have to be treated as per the provisions contained in the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016. Such waste is handed over by hospitals to Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities for treatment and recycling.
(c): Yes. As per recommendations of the Forum for Injection Technique (FIT) India, reuse of needles increases the risk of contamination and infection.
(d): Bio-Medical waste generated in household during healthcare activities is to be segregated as per Bio-Waste Management Rules and handed over in separate bags or containers to municipal waste collectors. Urban Local bodies shall have tie up with the Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment and disposal facility to pickup this waste from the Material Recovery Facility or from the household directly, for final disposal in the manner as prescribed in the schedule. Regular advertisements and public notices are issued by the concerned authorities.
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